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2092. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that an expert committee, in its report submitted in November, 1985 had concluded that the present location of Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd. ammonia storage poses a danger to the population at Willington Island and, therefore, should be shifted to a safer location; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Task Force, appointed to evolve a contingency plan, has recommended relocation of the ammonia storage tank to a safer place. The suggestion is based on the British Code of Practice which specifies that there should be no habitat/activity with in a radius of 500 metres of the storage.

An alternative site for the ammonia storage facility is, accordingly, being identified by Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited in consultation with the State Government.

Recommendation of the seminar of the State Ministers of Agriculture

2093. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day National Seminar of Agriculture Ministers of States was recently held in Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the issues discussed in the Seminar; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to revamp farm extension projects in States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. A two-day National Seminar on Training & Visit (T&V) System of Agricultural Extension was held in New Delhi on December 29 and 30, 1986 wherein the State Ministers incharge of Agriculture of those States which are implementing this T&V System of Agricultural Extension participated on the second day of the Seminar.

(b) and (c) The issues discussed in the Seminar were (i) Implementation status of World Bank assisted extension projects, (ii) linkage between extension and research, (iii) training of extension personnel, (iv) coordination of extension with input supply agencies and other departments, (v) extension cadre management, and (vi) implementation status of T&V projects as revealed by the monitoring and evaluation reports.

The recommendations emanating from the Seminar for improving the extension system in all these areas were circulated to the participants for necessary follow up.

Resettlement of displaced persons of Narmada Valley Project

2094. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many of people of villages/town are likely to be displaced in acquiring of land and construction of the Narmada Valley Project;

(b) the details of schemes formulated/proposed to be taken up for resettlement of displaced persons;

(c) what is the amount of compensation proposed to be given to the persons whose land has been acquired for the project; and

(d) the steps taken to compensate and rehabilitate the affected persons particularly belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and landless farmers?